

**REMARKS**

Claims 9-19 are currently pending in this application. In the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,354,317 to Alt and claims 9-19 were allowed. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-8 without prejudice. Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejection of claims 1-8 but have cancelled claims 1-8 to place the application in condition for allowance.

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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